

## AUCKLAND COLLEGE AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

THE Board of Governors of the Auckland College and Grammar School have the honour to report that they have, during the year ended December 31st, 1882, held twenty-two regular and four special meetings for the despatch of business.

The Board regret that, from want of a suitable site for a boarding-house, the Auckland Grammar School still remains without such an establishment. Of all the important schools in the colony it stands alone in this respect. The want of a boarding-house is severely felt throughout the entire provincial district, parents living in the country being compelled to send their sons to distant parts of the colony and to Australia for their education because the Auckland Grammar School is still unprovided with the means of boarding them. A portion of the Government House grounds, near the school, would be admirably suited for the purpose, and application was made to Parliament and to the Government during the year for an acre as a site for such a building, but without effect. The Board of Governors trust that Parliament will, at its next session, reconsider the matter and grant them the required site. Failing this being done the Board do not know how they are to supply the great desideratum of a boarding-house connected with their Grammar School and under the control of their masters.

Charles Frederic Bourne, Esq., M.A., of St. John's College, Oxford, arrived from England on the 30th January, and entered upon his duties as Headmaster at the Grammar School on the 6th February. Several changes in the teaching staff of the school have taken place during the year. M. Lenoir, French master, who left the school in the early part of the year, has been succeeded by Mr. E. R. Watkins; Mr. J. H. Tompson, natural science master, and Mr. C. A. Robertson, assistant master, resigned their respective positions; and the lamented death of Mr. W. E. W. Morrison caused another vacancy in the teaching staff of the school. The Rev. J. W. Alloway, B.A., was appointed assistant master, in the room of Mr. Robertson; the other two vacancies, occurring towards the end of the last term, were not filled up at the time. The visiting singing master, Mr. H. Gordon Gooch, having resigned during the last term, the teaching of singing has been discontinued for the present.

The number of pupils on the school roll during the year has been as follows:—

	Scholars.	Holders of Certificates.	Sons of Masters.	Capitation.	Total.
First term ... ..	22	14	2	128	= 166
Second term ... ..	20	13	2	130	= 165
Third term ... ..	19	11	2	134	= 166

As the scholars and holders of certificates from the primary schools all enter at the commencement of the year, but leave as circumstances direct, it is natural that the number of these should decrease as the year advances.

The evening classes were continued during the year, but the Board regret that they are unable to record any improvement in attendance at these classes, or to adduce any facts to show that they are adequately appreciated and made use of by the public. The following is a list of the classes, with the number of names entered for each, and average attendance during the third term of the year:—

Subject.	Names entered.	Average Attendance.
Arithmetic ... ..	12	8
Mathematics ... ..	14	7.6
English history ... ..	5	3
French ... ..	7	3.4
Latin ... ..	8	5

In all the classes the attendance was very irregular, no student having attended on more than nineteen out of twenty-seven evenings.

The annual examination of the Grammar School was held in August, and was conducted by the Rev. C. M. Nelson, M.A., and Neil Heath, Esq., Headmaster of the Girls' High School; the former gentleman in Latin, French, geography, English literature, composition, reading, and dictation; and the latter in mathematics, chemistry, history, mechanics, and physiology.

On the 24th of January F. M. P. Brookfield, Esq., one of the Senate's members, resigned his seat at the Board; Mr. E. K. Tyler was appointed by the other two Senate's members in his stead, and notice was subsequently received from the Chancellor of the University that the Senate had elected Mr. Tyler a member of the Board of Governors. Three of the Governors, Messrs. J. M. Dargaville, E. A. Mackechnie, and E. K. Tyler, retired by rotation on the 5th of April, and were re-elected.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

JOHN JAMES, Secretary.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st December, 1882.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash in hand, 1st January ... ..	2	2 0	Bank of New Zealand overdraft, 1st January	972	12 6
Rents received ... ..	2,287	7 7	Balance due to Treasurer ... ..	0	5 5
Interest ... ..	259	7 6	School salaries ... ..	3,159	0 0
School fees ... ..	1,167	3 3	Repairs to Grammar School ... ..	45	10 4
Securities realized ... ..	4,700	0 0	Books, prizes, and stationery ... ..	121	18 0
Grants from School Commissioners ... ..	69	0 3	Advertising and printing ... ..	101	16 2
Evening-class fees ... ..	42	15 6	Insurance ... ..	110	11 4
			City rates ... ..	112	6 7
			Repairs to property ... ..	1,833	15 2
			Miscellaneous ... ..	58	10 11
			Examinations, 1881 and 1882 ... ..	131	6 3
			Evening-class salaries ... ..	241	0 8
			Interest on overdraft ... ..	112	17 0
			Office salaries and expenses ... ..	162	3 6
			Water and cleaning ... ..	68	5 10
			Law expenses ... ..	2	4 6
Carried forward ... ..	£8,527	16 1	Carried forward ... ..	£7,234	4 2